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School Health Requirements For All Children Entering Kindergarten

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases* (R23-1-IMM), all children entering kindergarten are required to have the following immunizations:

- Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- Five doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine
- Four doses of polio vaccine
- Two doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- One dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease. As of June 2006, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a booster dose of varicella vaccine.

All children entering kindergarten are required to be up-to-date on their childhood immunizations as well as have a physical exam. This is the perfect opportunity to review your child's immunization record with his or her doctor to ensure your child is protected from all vaccine-preventable diseases.

Remember to ask your doctor about your child's LEAD SCREENING TEST!

Evidence that your child has been tested for lead poisoning is also a requirement for entry into kindergarten. For details, visit <http://www.health.ri.gov/lead/index.php>.

As of September 2006, vision screening is a requirement for school entry.

For details, visit <http://www.health.ri.gov/family/visioncreening.php>.

For more information, call your child's school nurse or call the Family Health Information Line at 1-800-942-7434.